



MY NORTH CAROLINA. MY VOTE.

## NORTH CAROLINA VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS

### What's Different?

**Beginning in 2016**, North Carolina will require voters to show a photo identification (photo ID) when they vote in-person.

#### ACCEPTABLE PHOTO ID IN 2016

NC Driver's License, Learner's Permit, or Provisional License

Special Identification card (NC DMV ID Card)

US Passport

US Military Identification card

US Veterans Identification card issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs

Tribal enrollment card issued by a federally-recognized tribe

Tribal enrollment card issued by a NC-recognized tribe, signed by an elected tribal official, and compliant with G.S. § 163-166.13

Out-of-state driver's license or non-operator's identification card (**BUT** only if the voter registers to vote in the county within 90 days of the election)

*(Subject to certain exceptions, photo ID must be unexpired. )*

There are no photo ID requirements to vote an absentee ballot by-mail. If a voter does not have his or her photo ID when voting in-person, he or she can still cast a provisional ballot and bring acceptable photo ID to the county board of elections before provisional ballots are counted after the date of the election in accordance with Section G.S. § 163-182.1A.

For in-person voters, there are exceptions to the photo ID requirement:

**70+**

#### Age 70 and Older

Voters who are at least 70 years of age may show an expired photo ID, as long as the ID did not expire before the voter's 70th birthday.



#### Religious Objection

Voters who have a religious objection to being photographed may file a declaration with their county board of elections and will not be asked to present photo ID. If a voter does not file a declaration at least 25 days before the election, they may cast a provisional ballot. The ballot will be counted if the voter then executes the declaration and provides an acceptable document showing the voter's name and address, such as a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or government document, prior to the time for counting provisional ballots.



#### Natural Disaster

A voter will not be required to show photo ID if the voter declares that he or she is a victim of a natural disaster occurring within 60 days of the election date. The voter must reside in a county that has officially been declared a natural disaster area - either by the Governor of North Carolina or the President of the United States.



#### Curbside Voters

Persons who travel to a voting place (either on Election Day or during Early Voting), but because of age or physical disability are unable to enter the voting enclosure without physical assistance, will be permitted to vote from their vehicle. They may show either a photo ID listed above or an acceptable document showing the voter's name and address such as a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or other government document, prior to the time for counting provisional ballots.

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## Where do I get a free DMV ID card?

Go to your local North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) office or visit a mobile DMV office to obtain a free DMV ID card. To obtain this free NC DMV ID, voters will need to present DMV with documents to prove age and identity, residency, and also provide a valid Social Security number.

## What do I need to bring to get a free NC DMV ID card?

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Two documents that prove the voter's age and identity (**examples:** a birth certificate, court documents, tax forms, certain school records);

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A valid Social Security number; and

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A document to prove the voter's North Carolina residency (**examples:** a lease, voter registration card, utility bill, or a letter from a homeless shelter).

## What does the free NC DMV ID card look like?

The DMV ID card will look identical to all NC DMV issued special identification cards.

To view a complete list of acceptable documents to obtain a free NC DMV ID card, please visit [www.ncdot.gov/dmv/driver/id/](http://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/driver/id/)

## AT THE POLLS

In 2014 and 2015 elections, in-person voters (at a one-stop early voting site or at their polling place) may present photo ID before voting, but will not be required to do so. Voters will also be asked if they have one of the approved forms of ID. If that voter indicates he or she does not have

a photo ID acceptable for voting in 2016, that voter will be asked to sign an acknowledgement of the photo ID requirement and given a list of acceptable forms of photo ID and information on how to obtain one.

For more on Voter ID requirements scheduled to go into effect in 2016, visit [VoterID.nc.gov](http://VoterID.nc.gov) or call the State Board of Elections at 1-866-522-4723. To find the DMV nearest you, visit [www.ncdot.gov/dmv/contact/](http://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/contact/).



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